

Q: Will a lift be provided to assist in installing APs in high ceiling areas?

A: A lift will not be provided, please include lift rental in bid pricing as an Erate ineligible cost.

Q: In some racks there are inoperable pieces of equipment, what is happening with those?

A: Any inoperable pieces of equipment will be removed, and should not be considered for replacement.

Q: During the non-mandatory walkthrough three racks were deemed to be an incorrect size.

A: Please include those racks identified as too small in bid response as Erate ineligible. Per consensus at the non-mandatory walkthrough replacement racks should be at least 19 inches in depth as well as 10 RU in size.

Q: Should any Erate ineligible costs be broken out in a bid response.

A: Yes, total all-inclusive turnkey full bid price should be listed in the field on attachment two. However, within the scope of bid response please total all Erate ineligible costs.

Q: Are there specific requirements for the wireless implementation?

A: Wireless solutions should be able to operate in NAT mode, Bridge mode, and have RADIUS capability. Wireless solutions can have a cloud or local hardware controller.

Comment: Since switching equipment will be installed in racks within classrooms, fan speed and fan noise will be carefully considered during the bid evaluation process.

Q: Are you also refreshing your wired cabling within the scope of this project or just adding new cabling for the new access points?

A: Within the scope of this project, JBOC is requesting the addition of 21 drops for Access Points, and replacing all MDF/IDF patch cabling with new Thin-line patch cable, please refer to attachments 8-10 of the Invitation for Bid Documents for further detail.

Q: In our Invitation for Bid response, we plan to include the services of a sub-contractor. What information would need to be included in our bid response?

A: In an Invitation for Bid response it is acceptable to include services of a sub-contractor. Requirements governing the relationship between the general contractor and any sub-contractors specific to the Invitation for Bid response and the execution of contracted work are detailed in the Invitation for Bid document. The relationship between the customer and general contractor are detailed in the Invitation for Bid document. Invoicing requirements are detailed in the Invitation for Bid document.

Q: Please confirm what the current connection types are in the MDF connecting to the SMF from the High School. Will these need to be replaced or do you plan on using the current optics?

A: The current optics are 1G SFPs. JBOC is planning to use the existing optics to the MDF at Alleghany High School only.

Q: Based on our scope, we feel that (10) 10G SFPs will meet your requirement. Would you like a quote based upon our findings or what the RFP has requested?

A: Please provide more detail.

Q: Regarding the cabling piece of the RFP, we have found that actual quantities were either over or under requested along with lacking hardware. We assume that a proposal which will include the correct hardware to complete this project in the most efficient manner is preferred, is this an accurate assumption?

A: Please provide more detail.

Q: My Installer has informed me that the cabling estimate on the RFP indicates 10,000' of fiber cable. Their estimate is less than that. Should we submit pricing based on the installer estimate or should we stay with the distance in the bid spec? If we keep at bid spec, will JRTC negotiate to lower the cable estimate (Thus price to JRTC)?

A: Please quote based upon attachments 8-10 in the Invitation for Bid.

Q: The quote has 4 stacking modules, but 8 stacking cables. That's 4 extra stacking cables. Is that correct? Are these to be used as spares?

A: Please quote per spec in the Invitation for Bid.

Q: According to Section II under "Project Specifications", there are 5 year licenses/support for both the switches and access points. However, attachment 10 shows that there are to be 9, One year contracts for the switches and then 21, 5 year licenses for the Aps. So should the switches have 1 year or 5 years of Smartnet?

A: Access Points should have 5 year licenses, Switches should have 1 year of Smartnet or equivalent service contract

Q: Attachment 10 shows a quantity of 20, SFP+, modules but attachment 8 (page 31 of 34) shows that there are only 15 fiber jumpers requested. That's 5 short of the SFP count. Is that company that wins the bid expected to use preexisting fiber jumpers or are not all of the SFPs to be connected to the fiber plant initially?

A: Please quote per spec in the Invitation for Bid.

Q: Fiber Cable-Are we just providing the fiber cable and material or installing it? If we are installing where are the points of origin? I see the fiber boxes and modules but I do not see any fiber connectors.

A: Project is turnkey: Parts, Installation, and Configuration. If you were unable to attend the non-mandatory walkthrough, please contact Matthew Paxton (mpaxton@allegghany.k12.va.us) for a building map.

Q: Cabinets- in your response that we should include 3 racks 19" deep and 10 RU. Will these racks be enclosed? Will they need fans?

A: Current racks are not enclosed. Enclosed racks are at discretion of the bidder. If in order to meet the Invitation for Bid specification, system fan noise is of concern, vendors may choose to include enclosed racks. Although, the Invitation for Bid addenda requires a single turnkey price, each bidders rack pricing should be broken out in their response as an Erate ineligible cost.

Q: Page 14 of the IFB document discusses the need, for qualifying Contracts, for Contractors to supply a Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bond along with the contract. Are these actually going to be required?

A: It is not anticipated that the project's cost will exceed the minimum performance bond threshold.